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1. In late 1952 approximately 600,000 persons, including landlords, suspect Communists, and former Chinese Nationalist soldiers, were held in slave labor camps in North Shensi Province. The majority of these camps, which had been established in mid-1951, were near Yenan (N 36-36, E 109-27), Yulin (N 38-17, E 109-45), and Suite (N 37-30, E 110-14).

2. In late 1952 personnel from these camps were building trenches, highways, deep bunkers, emplacements, and dams. They were also dredging rivers, and a labor project on the Yen River made it navigable for the first time between Yenan and the Yellow River to the east. In addition, camp personnel were to work in the heavy industries which were to be established in the Northwest.[1]

3. Two men selected from a group of 170 from the slave labor camps died in 1952 from innoculations given in biological warfare experiments. Fleas taken from persons in these camps during an epidemic in the summer of 1951 were being used in late 1952 for breeding experiments.

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Comment in mid-September 1952 some 20,000 persons had been sent from Kwangsi to Northwest China to engage in land reclamation work. 25X1

60 percent of the bank clerks in Shanghai had been ordered sent to Shensi by the end of September 1952; 25X1

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